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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT NAMES HEAD OF NATIONAL FISHERIES CENTER

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today announced the appointment of Dr. Warren Jensen Wisby, 43, associate professor of marine biology at the University of Miami in Florida, as Director of the new National Fisheries Center and Aquarium in Washington, D. C. He will assume the post about September 15.

The \$10 million aquarium, scheduled to be built in East

Potomac Park by 1968, will be one of the world's largest and most

complete installations for exhibiting and studying aquatic life. The

Aquarium will be operated by Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and

Wildlife.

Dr. Wisby has been associated with the University of Miami's Institute of Marine Sciences since 1959 as a researcher, teacher, administrator, and as a designer of its new laboratory building.

As a researcher he has been concerned primarily with the study of the behavior and sensory physiology of marine organisms. His research projects have included hearing and color vision in the lemon shark, hearing and allied senses in fishes, and behavioral changes in fish resulting from simulated weightlessness. His shark projects and his work in oceanography were subjects of national and local television programs.

From 1952 to 1959, he was with the University of Wisconsin as a research associate, directing graduate students studying the behavior of fresh-water fish and salmon.

A native of Denmark, Dr. Wisby earned his bachelor of arts degree in 1948, his master of arts degree in 1949, and his doctor of philosophy degree in zoology in 1952, all at the University of Wisconsin. He is the author of many publications. His wife, Audra, teaches at Miami-Dade Junior College.

During 1943-45, Dr. Wisby served in the Armed Forces in Africa and Italy.

The National Fisheries Center and Aquarium will display in natural surroundings more than 1,000 species of fish, amphibians, and invertebrates. There will be a trout stream, a Gulf bayou, and tanks designed especially for tropical fish and dolphins.

The installation will have facilities and specimens to aid aquatic research in such diverse fields as fish diseases, behavior of aquatic organisms, nutrition of fish, and medical values of antibiotics produced by marine animals.

The Fisheries Center is distinctive among Federal institutions because it will repay both construction and operational costs by nominal admission charges.

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